GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:116
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
NEW ZOOLOGICAL PARKS
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any concrete action plan for the all round improvement of environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to establish new zoological parks/bird sanctuaries in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) , (b) (c) & (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (A), (B), (C) AND (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 116 RAISE SHRI J.S. BRAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.7.2001 REGARDING NEW ZOOLOGICAL PARKS.

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests have evolved policies, programmes and action plans for preservation, conservation and improvement of environment and forests, which include the following:

- National Forest Policy, 1988, National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development, 1992 and Policy Statement on Abatement of Pollution, 1992;

- Programmes related to Afforestation and Joint Forest Management;

- Strengthening of infrastructure for pollution control;

- Environmental Impact Assessment for developmental projects;

- Providing financial assistance to Common Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small scale industries;

- National action programmes drawn and financial assistance provided for cleaning of major rivers.

(c) & (d) As per the directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, no new zoological parkscan be established for the time being. The powers to notify new bird sanctuaries vest with the State Governments.